

APPENDIX 1

Public and Peer Review Panel Comments

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Authors Responses to Comments

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Author's Response to Comments on Chapter 9

Chapter 9: Lower East Coast Regional Water Supply Plan

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Comment: Page 9-8, paragraphs 1,2 are not clear. Paragraph 2 notes four areas that “did not fully meet their respective planning targets...”, yet there are five noted under year 2005 in table 9-2. A more detailed explanation of why WCA 2B will not meet the planning target even by year 2020 is needed.

Response: The text on page 9-8 has been corrected to reflect the fact that five areas not meeting their respective planning targets by 2005 are identified in table 9-2. Text has been added to more fully explain why WCA 2B performs as it does.

Comment: The model used to determine future urban water needs should be reviewed (perhaps in a footnote or annex).

Response: Numerous methods exist by which future urban water needs are determined. The water supply planning process recognized that the municipal utilities are required to use accepted methods of projecting future urban water needs. Differences between municipal utility projections and the Plan’s region-wide method were generally resolved in favor of the utility.

Comment: The report should provide some context for understanding (the) parameters and/or other factors that might influence future water management decisions for assigning water.

Response: The context for understanding factors that influence future water management decisions for assigning water would necessarily involve historical, economical, political considerations beyond the scope of this report. For example, the process of issuing consumptive use permits includes a three-prong test for determining the public’s interest and which transcends purely technical criteria.

Comment: The ASR water management technology would be more clearly defined in either the List of Acronyms or in Chapter 9 (page 9-6).

Response: The text on page 9-6 has been modified to include a definition of Aquifer Storage and Recovery.